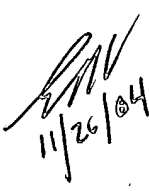


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 3, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

 This application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/510,927 filed on February 22, 2000, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,716,233, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/324,452 filed on June 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,443,973, each of which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19 with the following new paragraph:

First, with regard to the electromechanical driver, the handle has a pistol grip styled design, having at least two finger-actuable triggers which independently initiate motors which turn drive shafts mounted within the flexible shaft. The handle further includes a remote status indicator coupled to the processor unit in the handle. This indicator provides either visual, audio, or electrical output (to be output to a separate display device). The handle and flexible shaft further include a shaft steering means comprised of steering wires controlled by a handle mounted motor drive system including a manually actuable steering means for directing the steering means, for example, a joystick or trackball, described more fully in co-pending application U.S.S.N. 09/510,923, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,517,565, entitled "A Carriage Assembly for Controlling a Steering Wire Steering Mechanism within a Flexible Shaft", which has been assigned to the same assignee as the present invention, each of which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.